

## WASHINGTON COMMENT

Christmas! Not, truly, a time for philosophy; yet a time when many ask themselves "why do we celebrate Christmas?" The Churches have one answer, an answer that all Christians, at least, give to the question. But the celebration of Christmas has come to mean much to many whose religion does not cause them to rejoice at the birth of Jesus; it is celebrated with heartiness and happiness by those who do not believe in any religion; by those of alien faiths and strange; it is a time of joy and happiness to thousands of children who have little or no understanding of its religious significance; it is warm in the hearts of many men and women as a time of rejoicing, of neighborly love, of friendship, of kinship, quite apart from its being the natal day of the Carpenter of Nazareth.

Christmas means peace on earth, good will to men. It means an opening of hearts. It means thought for the poor and needy. It means bringing joy to children who otherwise and other items have little joy if means love in the heart. It means brotherhood.

There is no brotherhood without a fatherhood; there is no brotherhood of man without a Fatherhood of God, and so even those who know nothing of it there be such—of the day, 1,922 years ago, which Christmas celebrates even; such as these, in celebrating Christmas, in receiving or giving from the spirit of Christmas, are led in spite of themselves, back to the Creator.

Christmas—not a time for philosophy, but a beautiful time to prove that even philosophy must yield to the spirit of the Yule log, which brings to us all, Christian and Jew, Mohammedan and Buddhist, heathen and believer, just and unjust, alike, the unification of that love which, alone of all forces in the world, can ever make it wholly a place for brotherhood.

"When doctors disagree, who shall decide?"

It is impossible for any one to say now whether or not the Oregon school law is or is not constitutional. Those who drew it, those who passed it, those who want it, say it is. Those who find it objectionable features say it isn't! Only the courts can decide.

The Oregon school law has been much misrepresented by its enemies. Thus, no less a Catholic dignitary than Archbishop Michael J. Curley, of Baltimore, says of it:

"The anti-Catholic organization that sponsored the un-American Oregon school bill is now planning similar action for other states, with the final purpose of adding such legislation as an amendment to the American Constitution."

"The Oregon law does not become effective for four years, and in the meantime it is planned to carry the work to other parts of the Union with the object of creating such an atmosphere as made the prohibition amendment."

"The whole trend of such legislation is a state socialism, setting up an omnipotent state that shall claim ownership of individuals, body and soul, on the principles of Karl Marx, the German socialist, whose teachings, put into practice, have created soviet Russia."

"Un-American state socialism, omnipotent state, ownership of body and soul," all this about a bill which requires children to attend a public school five months in the year!

Its opponents say of the bill that it will "destroy the private school," that it "will crush the parochial school," that it "takes from the parent the right to determine what his child shall learn," and a lot of similar misstatements. There are twelve months in a year; the bill calls for public school attendance during but five. The parents in Oregon have the same control of what their schools teach as those of any other state; where is the "taking away the right to say what the child shall learn?"

It is not for us to say what the courts will hold about the Oregon school law. That is for the future. But in the interests of fair play, let us not baffle the issue by saying of the law that which is not so!

### TO BUILD ILLINOIS CANAL

Gov. Small of Illinois has approved the plans for constructing a canal between La Salle and Lockport and connecting the Great Lakes with the Mississippi. The project involves the expenditure of \$19,000,000 besides the \$1,000,000 already spent. Gov. Small estimates that the waterway will save Illinois farmers seven cents a bushel on grain shipped on the canal and will save Chicago people \$1 a ton on coal. When the canal is completed fleets of barges can be

sent from Chicago direct to New Orleans.

### ADVOCATES SCIENTIFIC LOVE

A noted Parisian stage beauty now visiting in Chicago thinks that kiss clinics for marriageable girls would help to solve America's divorce problem. "A woman's whole heart should be put into every kiss she gives her husband," declares the actress. "A kissable woman will keep any normal man anchored at home. Too many wives think they can hold their husbands through their stomachs. Scientific love is more practicable than domestic science."

### ROAD BOND MEETING HELD HERE MONDAY

Some of the petitioners and others, held an informal meeting at the Courthouse Monday of the present week, to discuss the proposed election for the issue of road bonds. Quite a number were present and considerable discussion took place as to ways, means etc. The question of substituting a special 20 cent road tax for the bond issue was also discussed. No definite plans were agreed upon.

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### ARBUCKLE'S FUTURE IN MOVIES UP TO HIM

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Roscoe Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, has a job in the pictures and he may work at it. Whether he comes back to the place he once occupied is now distinctly up to Arbuckle and to the American people, is the gist of a series of statements given out here today by Will Hays, chief of the motion picture industry. Jesse L. Lasky of the company that formerly distributed the Arbuckle comedies, Joseph Schenck, producer, who will employ Arbuckle and the comedian himself.

Mr. Hays requested the producers to withdraw Arbuckle films and to make no more of them last April. He took that action after Arbuckle had been thrice tried on a charge of manslaughter arising from the death in San Francisco of Virginia Rappé, an actress. Since then Arbuckle has lived quietly taking an occasional trip away, but keeping out of the public eye.

Mr. Arbuckle declined to comment on the new conditions other than to say he would accept the chance and try to improve it.

### HUMPHREY—WARD

Miss Mary B. Humphrey and William G. Ward were joined in marriage Tuesday evening, December 19, at the home of the Rev. Granville Jagers, pastor of the Noe Creek M. E. Church, who performed the ceremony.

The bride is 55 years of age and the groom 54. Mr. Ward is a prosperous farmer of the Noe Creek country. Each of the parties have a host of friends who wish for them a congenial and happy married life.

### DRAINAGE BOND TAX

G. A. Barnes, et al., District. The landowners whose lands are bonded in the G. A. Barnes, et al., Drainage District of Ohio County, Kentucky, are hereby notified that the seventh series of bonds issued to construct said ditch will be due on January 5, 1923.

Persons owing assessments in this district should see C. O. Hunter, County Treasurer, Hartford, Ky., at once and pay amount of tax due on said bonds. Penalty will be added after January 5, 1923.

S. L. KING, Drainage Commissioner.

### IF YOU NEED MONEY

To pay debts, or improve your land I can furnish it in amounts of \$1,000 or more, on smooth land in good state of cultivation. Long term, easy payments, low interest, instant service. 2412

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Buzzards weigh only one-half pound to each square foot of wing surface. The albatross over three pounds to a square foot of wing surface.

The duck-billed platypus, of Tasmania, has four legs and fur like an animal, lay eggs and has a bill of a bird and swims and eats under water as does the fish.

## BEADS ODDLY STRUNG

(By I. D. Claire)

That is a vain boast of Fluke's that he and Bob Walker have no bad habits to reform at New Year's. The credit is all due one Mr. Volstead and, it is fair to add, that gentleman does not rank very high in the esteem of Fluke and Bob.

I saw an article in Sunday's paper setting out that married men live longer than single ones, but I take it that the story was written before the recent opening of the wives' war on husbands.

One of the serious disappointments of the countryman recently removed to the city is the missing of his almanacs along about this season of the year. The papers will tell one what the weather is going to be for a day or two in advance, but that is nothing compared to having it prognosticated for a whole year. Luckily, I received one by mail, and I am comforted for another year. But it carries bad news for Fluke. Along about his fishing time, April and May, it is either going to be rainy or windy, both bad conditions for angling. But there is going to be plenty of rain for a good crop, and that is worth knowing in advance.

It is a curious fact that the great mass of bible readers never give a thought to the time of writing or the authorship of what they read. It is a fair assumption that few of them know that there is much Egyptian and Babylonian literature still extant that is very many centuries older than the most ancient scriptures.

Very frequently folks ask me who is my friend, the quaint philosopher, Buddy McPheag. Some of these times I am going to write a brief biography of this eccentric character. He is really a creature of flesh and blood, and if I do not always quote him verbatim, he has at least inspired much that I have put into his mouth. The loyalty of his wife, who was a plain washerwoman, will form no little part of the interesting story.

Rather than undergo the disappointment of missing the Christmas issue of the Republican I shall just come down and get the news first-hand.

It is a mistaken notion that congresses and parliaments make laws. They indeed enact statutes, but the laws that in the end must govern alike the movements of the planets and the conduct of men come from the hands of an infinite Lawgiver. As soon as His laws are sufficiently engrained on the human understanding legislators give them language and definition, and this is misnamed law-making.

I am just from the reading of the history of the second greatest character that ever graced the earth, Gautama—or Buddha. This remarkable man was born a prince of men as well as of empire in India nearly six hundred years before the dawn of the Christian Era. Kept as was the royal custom of the times from sight or even contact with the poverty and wretchedness of mankind until his maturity, he went out into the world and was shocked at the miseries of the luckless multitude. Such was his sympathy for the helpless poor that he despised a crown and the luxury of a court to give his life to moderating the miseries of his race, and so well did he succeed that today one-third of the human race are his devoted disciples, a number greater than the disciples of Christ and Mahomet combined. The history of this marvelous man is well worth the student's attention.

### BARNETT'S CREEK

Mr. Ernest Patton, went to Buford Tuesday, on business.

Mr. Buddie Crowe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Wade.

Mr. E. L. Brooks was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Massie, Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Jewell, of Henderson, is spending the week with her niece, Mrs. Ernest Patton and Mr. Patton. Rev. William Savage filled his regular appointment at Union Grove Sunday and Sunday night.

### LETTER IN MAIL 26 YEARS

The post-office department returned to the American Credit Indemnity Co., of New York, a letter which was mailed to a San Francisco concern in 1896. The undelivered letter was found in a mail chute.

### SEES DAUGHTER FOR DAMAGES

A New York woman recently filed a \$50,000 damage suit against her own daughter for injuries received in an auto accident. The daughter was cautioned by her mother who

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## COOPER BROTHERS

Beaver Dam, Ky.

was in the back seat to drive slower and more carefully but the daughter refused to obey with the result that the mother was seriously injured. Since the daughter is of age and married the mother was driven to the novel method of a lawsuit to punish her child.

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